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In this brochure, please find descriptions
of CPTED principles.

When meeting with the local CLO (Community
Liaison Officer) or CPU (Community
Prosecution Unit) Officer, s/he will be looking
for positive examples of each principle in
practice at your proposed license premise.



For more information, please contact:
Milwaukee Police Department,
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414.935.7430

For a listing of police districts
to locate your local CLO, see:
<http://city.milwaukee.gov/PoliceDistricts>



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Design (CPTED, pronounced sep-ted) helps us
to create healthy, safe communities through
well planned environmental design.

POSITIVE CPTED

NEGATIVE CPTED



The fencing defines the site, thereby controlling access to the property. It also allows for strong natural surveillance.



In an effort to display territoriality, this homeowner has gone too far, making this an unpleasant place to be, even for responsible users.



The managers of this convenience store maintain natural surveillance by keeping the windows clear of posters and ads.



A would-be criminal may see this store as an easy one to rob because ads in the windows almost completely obscure the view inside.



A good example of Territorial Reinforcement through the use of lighting.



Little or no maintenance is taking place on this property, creating an image or sense that a person can do anything here and get away with it.

NATURAL SURVEILLANCE

Any architectural design that enhances the chance that a potential offender will be, or might be seen, is a form of natural surveillance. A potential criminal is less likely to attempt a crime if he or she is at risk of being observed. At the same time, we are likely to feel safer when we can see and be seen.

NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL

Access controls are part of territoriality. Access controls include creating a sense of turf, but it focuses on entry and exit points into buildings, parks, parking lots and neighborhoods.

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IMAGE

How a property is maintained is instrumental in creating a sense of place, or territory for legitimate users of that space. If a property is well maintained, it shows that management, or the owner cares for and will defend the property against crime.

TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT

Territorial Reinforcement is the use of physical attributes that express ownership, such as fences, signage, landscaping, lighting, etc. Defined property lines and public spaces are examples of territorial reinforcement.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CPTED EFFORTS:

Activity Support fosters community interaction. Criminal acts can be discouraged in public spaces when we encourage activities in those spaces by residents, visitors and other legitimate users.